



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

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S. 484

Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000

As cleared by the Congress on October 24, 2000

Enacting this legislation could affect direct spending by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and for a number of federal programs such as Medicaid, but CBO estimates that the act would have no significant impact on such spending in any year.

S. 484 would grant refugee status to nationals of certain countries if they deliver into the custody of the United States a living American considered to be either a prisoner of war or missing in action (POW/MIA) from the Vietnam or Korean wars. Those eligible would include nationals of Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, China, North Korea, and any of the independent states of the former Soviet Union.

Enacting S. 484 could increase the number of refugees admitted to the United States, which would increase the administrative costs for the INS and the costs for certain federal entitlement programs. However, CBO estimates that any increased spending on these activities would be less than \$100,000 in any year because very few additional refugees are expected under S. 484.

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